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Title: METHOD FOR AMPLIFYING SEQUENCES FROM UNKNOWN DNA

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

BOX: RESPONSE (NO FEE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

To the Commissioner:

Responsive to the non-Final Office Action dated August 23, 2002, the time period for response thereto being set to expire September 23, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 9, 13, and 27, without prejudice on the merits.

Please amend Claims 1, 12, and 19 to read as follows:

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1. **[AMENDED FOUR TIMES]** A method of amplifying desired regions of nucleic acid from a nucleic acid template comprising:
- (a) providing a plurality of first PCR primers, each first primer having an overall length of from about 10 nucleotides to about 30 nucleotides and further having a region of fixed nucleotide sequence identical or complementary to a consensus sequence of interest and a region of randomized nucleotide sequence located 5' to, 3' to, or flanking the region of fixed nucleotide sequence;

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